

Mr. Higgins's Printed

C A S E

RELATING TO

Sir Rich. Bulkley, and Col. Forster

PROVD NOTORIOUSLY

False and Scandalous,

By the Oaths of Colonel John Allen of Stilorgan, Hugh Rowley, Edward Swan, and Joseph Budden, Esqrs, who were Present at Kilmainham during the whole Transaction.

Mr. Francis Higgins in his Printed Case, dated Dublin, October 6, 1711. having Charged Sir Richard Bulkley, and Colonel Forster with saying, That the Crown of England was Elective; That Her Majesty held it from the People, and if She did not Rule according to Law, She was accountable to the People, and may be Deposed as Her Father was.

It is thought fit by a Friend of these two Deceas'd Gentlemen, to Publish the following Depositions made on Oath before a Master in Chancery, by Gentlemen of known Credit; and considerable Fortunes, and all of them, except Colonel Allen, then, and still in the Commission of the Peace for the County of Dublin, by which it will appear how Injuriouly the Persons above-named, have been treated by Mr. Higgins in their Graves, who has aspersed their Memories without any Regard to Truth or Humanity, much less to the sacred Character of a Clergy Man.

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HIGGINS'S Printed Case, *Relating to Sir Richard Bulkley, and Colonel Forster, Proved notoriously False and Scandalous, &c.*

JOHN ALLEN of *Stilorgan* in the County of *Dublin*, Esq; deposeth, That he was present at the Sessions at *Kilmainham* some Years since, when some Words hapened between Sir *Richard Bulkley*, Colonel *Forster*, and Mr. *Higgins* the Minister, and that this Deponent that Day sat next to, or near the said Colonel *Forster* at the Table, where Discoursing of the late Revolution, Colonel *Forster* Justify'd and Approv'd the same, and thereupon began a Health to the Glorious Memory of King *William*; whereupon the said Mr. *Higgins* call'd the said Colonel *Forster* an Old Buck, and said, he was not to Prescribe to them, or Express himself to that Effect, and immediatly after heard the said Sir *Richard Bulkley* reprove the said *Higgins* for Drinking Confusion to all *Dissenters*, the said Sir *Richard Bulkley* saying, *Good Lord, what do I hear from a Man of your Cloth!* Let me tell you, Sir, it was an Un-christianlike Health to Drink Confusion to so great a Body of People, Conversion if you please, but not Confusion, or Words to that or the like Effect. This Deponent further saith, That he believes in his Conscience, that the intire Paragraph in the Printed Paper, call'd, *Mr. Higgins's Case*, wherein it's alledged, that Colonel *Forster*, and Sir *Richard Bulkley* affirmed, that the Crown of *England* was Elective, That the Queen holds it from the People, &c. is False and Groundless, this Deponent at that, or any other Time never having heard either of the said Gentlemen Assert any such Positions. That this Deponent for many Years before the Death of the said Colonel *Forster*, was well acquainted with him, and never observed by his Words or Actions that he was a Man of the Principles set forth in the said Mr. *Higgins's Case*, but to the contrary, that he was well affected to the present Establishment both in Church and State, as this Deponent verily believes.

Jurat cor. me 13th die Octob. 1711. B^CL
 GODFRET BOATE.

John Allen

HUGH ROWLEY of *Westpalstown* in the County of *Dublin*, Esq; depose That he was some Years since present at the Sessions at *Kilmainham*, where some Words arose between Sir *Richard Bulkley*, Colonel *Forster*, and *Mr. Higgins*, and that Day sat at the Table next the Window with Mr. *Swan*, and other Justices of Peace, and near the end of the big Table where the said Colonel *Forster* sat, and depose, That he heard no such Words spoken by Colonel *Forster*, and Sir *Richard Bulkley*, as in Mr. *Higgins's* Printed Case they are Charged with, nor any Words tending to that or the like Purpose, but his Conscience believes, that the said Paragraph in the said Printed Case is False and Groundless. That he heard the said Mr. *Higgins* that Day begin a Health of these Words, *Confusion to all Dissenters*, after the said Colonel *Forster* had drunk a Health to the Glorious Memory of King *William*, and that on Drinking the said last mentioned Health, the said *Higgins* said, as this Deponent was then informed by them that sat nearer the said Mr. *Higgins*, *What does that Old Devil prescribe Rules to us?* But this Deponent did not hear the said Mr. *Higgins* say the same. This Deponent further saith, That the said Colonel *Forster* was much Esteem'd by the Gentlemen of the Country, and known to be well affected to the Establishment both in Church and State. This Deponent further depose, That the said Sir *Richard Bulkley* at that Time reprov'd the said *Higgins* for Drinking *Confusion to all Dissenters*. This Deponent verily believes, That if any such Words had been spoken of Her Majesty as in the Printed Case is mentioned, or if the said Mr. *Higgins* had then Charged any Person in that Company with speaking Treason, that the same would then have been taken Notice of by the Company, and would soon after have been publicly Reported in other Places, but the Deponent never so much as heard thereof till he read the same in the Printed Paper, Intituled, *Mr. Higgins's Case*.

Jurat cor. me 12 die Octob. 1711.
GODFREY BOATE.

Hugh Rowley.

EDWARD SWAN, Esq; depose, That he was present at the said Sessions some Years since, and did not hear the said Colonel *Forster*, and Sir *Richard Bulkley*, or either of them say any Thing to the Purport mentioned in the said Mr. *Higgins's* Printed Case; but on the contrary believes the same to be False and Groundless; and this Deponent hath Read the annexed Affidavits of *John Allen*, and *Hugh Rowley*, Esqrs, and believes the same to be true in every Particular, and very well remembers the said Mr. *Higgins* rose from his Chair, and with a full Glass, and a loud Voice said, *Here is Confusion to all Dissenters*.

Jurat cor. me 12 die Octob. 1711.
GODFREY BOATE.

Edward Swan.

Upon Perusal of a Printed Paper, Entituled, *Mr. Higgins's Case*, I find there-
in these following Words, *viz. Mr. Higgins,*] I now remember I had some
Words with Colonel *Forster* here, but it was upon his and Sir *Richard Bulkley's*
Saying, That the Crown of *England* was Elective; That Her Majesty held it
of the People, and if She did not Rule according to Law, She was account-
able to the People, and may be Deposed as Her Father was. This I said was
false, which I neither could then hear, nor ever will, without opposing any
one who dares say it.

I do hereby humbly Certify, and positively Affirm, That I have had the
Honour to Serve Her Majesty in the Commission of the Peace for the County of
Gloucestershire these many Years past, That I was present at the Quarter-Sessions
at *Gloucester*, and in the Dining Room there with several other of the
Justices of the Peace of the said County, when there hapened some debate be-
tween Sir *Richard Bulkley* and Mr. *Higgins*, That Colonel *Forster* was then there,
but that neither Sir *Richard Bulkley*, or Colonel *Forster* said or affirmed the Words
in *Higgins's Case* Scandalously set forth, or any other Words to that Effect,
as I do verily believe. And that Colonel *Forster* was a Person of more Loyalty,
Honour and Prudence than to utter any such heynous Expressions; which if they
had been spoken, were so Notorious, that we should all of us then Present have
taken Notice of, and Abhorred.

October 13, 1711.

JOSEPH BADDEN

*The Above-named Joseph Budden, Esq.
made Oath before Me, that he verily believes
his above Certificate to be True.*

Sworn before Me, 14 October, 1711.
GODFREY BOATE

Joseph Budden.

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